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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 5 as follows:

The container 12 includes an inner sleeve unit 24 made of a cylindrical inner sleeve 26 (having openings 32 therein) and an annular bottom part 28 which defines the opening 22, and a cylindrical outer sleeve 30 surrounding the inner sleeve 26. The inner sleeve 26 includes two peripheral openings 32 which enable bone fragments which have been collected in the container 12 to be removed therefrom. The annular bottom part 28 includes a circumferential lip 34 on which the inner sleeve 26 and the outer sleeve 30 rest. Although the inner sleeve 26 is shown as a separate part from the annular bottom part 28, the inner sleeve unit 24 and bottom part 28 can be an integral unit having the opening 22 through which the drill bit 20 passes (and through which bone fragments enter into the container 12) and one or more peripheral openings 32 through which the bone fragments can be removed from the container 12, i.e., when the outer sleeve 30 is moved to expose the peripheral openings 32. Otherwise, when the outer sleeve 30 surrounds the inner sleeve 26, it covers the peripheral openings 32. The opening 22 may have a slightly larger diameter than the diameter of the drill bit to provide a small clearance for bone fragments. The inner sleeve 26 and bottom part 28 may be made of stainless steel with an aperture 26a in the top

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part through which the drill shank 16 passes so as to hold and guide the drill 14.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 14, line 22 as follows:

The height of the rod 42 is sufficient to contact the arm 46 of the handpiece 18 so that a complete rotation of the container 12 around the head 48 of the handpiece 18 is precluded. It is noted though that depending on the position of the rod 42 when the bone grafted attachment unit 10 is connected to the handpiece 18, the container 12 may rotate until the rod 42 contacts the handpiece arm 48. However, once contact is established between the rod 42 and the handpiece arm 48, further rotation of the container 12 is prevented. Moreover, separation of the container 12 from the drill 14 is prevented by a shoulder formed between the drill bit 20 and the shank 16 and which is situated in an interior of the container 12. This shoulder has an upper, extreme position abutting against the inner sleeve 26 to thereby prevent the container 12 from sliding off of the drill 14 (see FIG. 2).